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For: OPTICAL APPARATUS, EXPOSURE
APPARATUS, LASER LIGHT SOURCE,
GAS SUPPLY METHOD, EXPOSURE
METHOD, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING
METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below. The calculation of the filing fees should be based on the claims as amended herein.

In The Specification

On page 1, line 5, delete the heading "Technical Field" and replace it with the following:

- -BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION- -

On page 1, line 17, delete the heading "Background Art."

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